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AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

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SUMMARY: AFTER THOROUGH DISCUSSION GRB AND CRS REQUIREMENTS AND PROPOSALS RE CRS'S PLANNED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM, FONMIN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ACCORD POSSIBLE AND URGED CRS SEND SOMEONE NEGOTIATE. THAT SEEMS LOGICAL NEXT STEP. END SUMMARY.

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN SIMBANANIYE MAY 30 AT MY REQUEST TO DISCUSS CRS PROBLEM. AFTER LAYING OUT REASONS FOR CRS DISCOURAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY LONG DELAYS AND PROPOSED NEW AGREEMENT (SEE REFTEL), I EXPLAINED UNFORTUNATE IMPACT  
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CRS DEPARTURE WOULD BE LIKELY HAVE ON OVERALL U.S.-BURUNDI

COOPERATION (I.E., U.S. AID), PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT  
SUCCESSFUL CRS PRESENCE IN SEVENTEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. SIMBANANIYE RESPONDED THAT BURUNDI ALWAYS PLEASED  
RECEIVE CRS ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT MODALITIES OF DISTRIBUTION  
POSED PROBLEM. AS I KNEW, HE SAID, DIFFICULTIES HAD ARISEN  
IN CONNECTION PAST DISTRIBUTIONS. IN ADDITION, BARUNDI DID NOT  
LIKE FOREIGNERS TO UNDERTAKE ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF  
ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS, FEELING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT'S

RESPONSIBILITY. THUS GRB FELT IT SHOULD COORDINATE  
ASSITANCE. OF COURSE CRS COULD BE PRESENT FOR DISTRIBUTIONS.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION I ATTEMPTED BOTH TO MAKE CLEAR  
CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR CRS PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY AND TO  
REASSURE FONMIN RE CRS'S INTENDED MODUS OPERANDI IN PRE-  
SCHOOL FEEDING PROJECT. SIMPLE TURNOVER OF CRS  
COMMODITIES TO GRB NOT POSSIBLE, BUT AT SAME TIME IT WOULD  
BE RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEES OF EXISTING DISPENSARIES, NOT CRS,  
WHICH WOULD GIVE FOOD TO INDIVIDUALS. GRB COORDINATION  
DESIRED, FOR NEITHER CRS NOT USG WANTED WASTE WHICH COULD  
RESULT FROM LACK SUCH COORDINATION. I NOTED THAT CRS ABLE  
TO HELP IN TWO AREAS WHICH HAVE HAMPERED WFP DISPENSARY  
PROGRAM, I.E., INTERNAL TRANSPORT AND TRAINING OF DISPENSARY  
PERSONNEL IN PROPER UTILIZATION OF FOOD. THIS WOULD BE  
INTEGRAL PART CRS PROGRAM AND PERHAPS CRS COULD HELP IN  
CONNECTION WFP DISTRIBUTIONS AS WELL.

4. SIMBANANIYE CONCLUDED BY ENVISAGING BARUNDI COORDINATING  
BODY, WHETHER STRICTLY GOVERNMENTAL, RED CROSS, OR OTHER,  
WHICH WOULD APPROVE AID PROGRAMS IN NUTRITUION FIELD,  
SPECIFICALLY THOSE OF CRS AND WFP. HE ASSURED ME THAT  
CRS' PLAN OF ACTION FOR PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM SEEMED POSE  
NO SERIOUS PROBLEM AND URGED THAT CRS SEND SOMEONE TO  
NEGOTIATE, SAYING HE CONFIDENT SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT  
COULD BE REACHED.

5. GOVERNMENT RADIO REPORT OF MEETING SAME EVENING  
EMPHASIZED SIMBANANIYE'S INSISTENCE THAT CRS ASSISTANCE BE  
COORDINATED BY A BURUNDI ORGANIZATION, WHICH WOULD BE  
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RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION, BUT IT CONCLUDED THAT  
CONVERSATION HAD ENDED IN ATMOSPHERE OF "PERFECT MUTUAL  
UNDERSTANDING."

6. COMMENT: WHILE NOT CONCLUSIVE, DISCUSSION CONSONANT  
WITH HYPOTHESIS THAT TIDE WITHIN GRB FLOWING IN FAVOR OF  
ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT WITH CRS. RADIO COMMENT RE  
DISTRIBUTION NOT PARTICULARLY WORRISOME IN LIGHT CLARIFICATIONS

DURING OUR DISCUSSION. NEGOTIATION BY CRS SEEMS LOGICAL NEXT STEP.

7. FOR DAKAR: PLEASE PASS GIST ABOVE TO MONSIGNOR KAISER, CRS SENEGAL.

8. FOR KIGALI: PLEASE PASS GIST TO MISS CURTIS, CRS RWANDA. KEITER

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